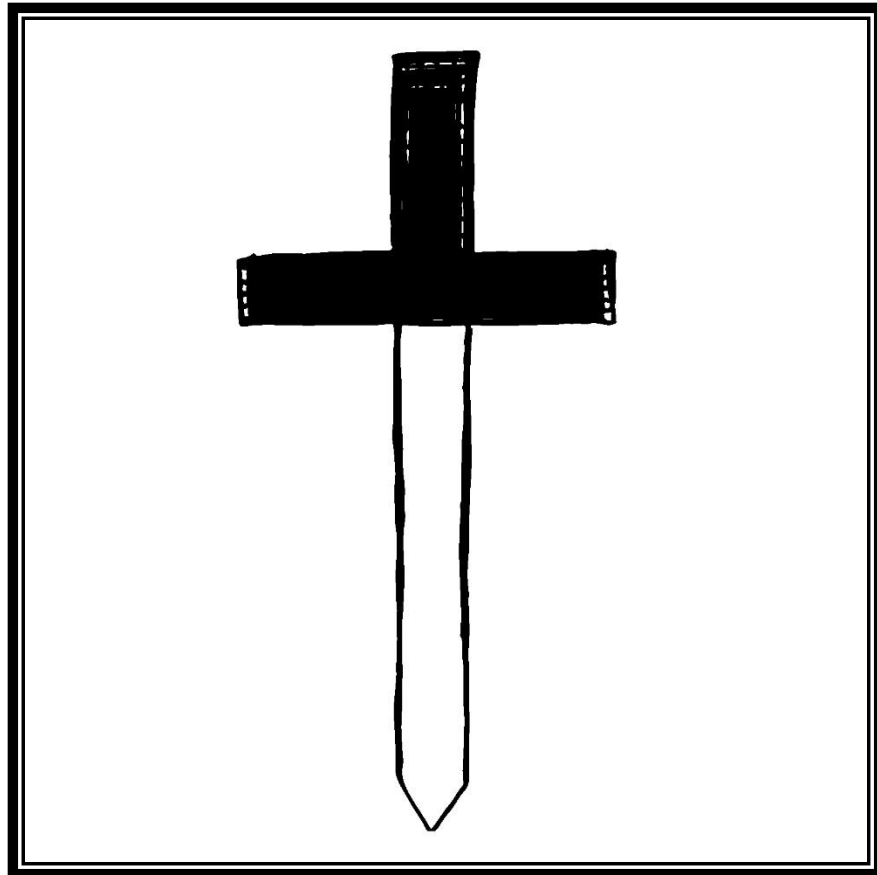


***Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia***



***June 21, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

***To share the Good News of Jesus Christ
and to invite all to join us in faith, worship, and service.***

The service will be livestreamed at 10:45 am on Messiah's FB page, and that video will be available later on the church website and YouTube. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/>

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available upon request.

** Please stand as you are able **

Welcome visitors! May the Spirit of Christ fill your heart as we worship today. You are invited to make Messiah your church home.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A brief silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.



***GATHERING SONG – We Know That Christ Is Raised**

ELW 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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***THE GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: *And also with you.*

TEXAS KYRIE

REFRAIN

L: Lord have mer-cy____ Christ have mer-cy____
C: Lord have mer-cy____ Christ have mer-cy____

L: We pray for peace from a - bove We pray for our sal va - tion.

to REFRAIN

L: We pray for peace in the__ world, We pray for well-ness in your

church, We pray for the u - ni - ty____ of all.

to REFRAIN

L: We pray for this ho - ly____ place. We pray for all who ga-ther here.

to CHORUS

L: Oh Lord__ help us, save us, Oh Lord__ com-fort and de-fend__ us.

to AMEN

AMEN

L: A - men____ A - men____
C: A - men____ A - men____



GLORY IN THE HIGHEST

C: Glo - ry in the high - est, Glo - ry be to God,
Glo - ry in the high - est, And peace to all the earth.

L: Sha-per of the U - ni - verse Je - sus Christ the Lamb of God
Ho - ly Spi-rit, source of life,
thanks and praise we sing
you wash our sins a - way
bur - ning wild and free

C: Sha-per of the U - ni - verse Je - sus Christ the Lamb of God
Ho - ly Spi rit, source of life,
thanks and praise we sing
you wash our sins a - way
bur - ning wild and free

L: Lo - ving fa - ther, ca - ring mo - ther
At your ta - ble all are wel come
You are God the three - in - one

C: Lo - ving fa - ther, ca - ring mo - ther
At your ta - ble all are wel come
You are God the three - in - one

L: Hold us in your wings.
Hear us as we pray.
such a my - ste - ry.

C: Hold us in your wings.
Hear us as we pray.
such a my - ste - ry.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

C: *Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

A reading from Jeremiah.

- ⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
- ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
- ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
- ¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
- ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
- ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
- ¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

Lector

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

A reading from Romans.

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39**

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke



***HYMN OF THE DAY- Lord of Our Life**

Tune: Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 766

ELW 665

¹ Lord of our life and God of our
salvation,
star of our night and hope of ev'ry
nation;
hear and receive your church's
supplication,
Lord God Almighty.

² See round your ark the hungry
billows curling,
see how your foes their banners are
unfurling.
Lord, while their poisoned arrows they
are hurling,
you can preserve us.

³ Lord, you can help when earthly
armor fails us;
Lord, you can save when deadly sin
assails us;
and, in the day when hell itself
appalls us,
Grant us your peace, Lord:

⁴ Peace in our hearts, our troubled
thoughts assuaging,
peace in your church, where kindred
souls are raging,
peace, when the world its endless
war is waging,
peace in your heaven.

***CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs
of the world.

A: Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake.
Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of all relationships, bless this branch of the body of Christ that is Messiah Lutheran Church. Strengthen all its relationships and weave your love and grace into each family and household. We especially pray this week for the Fulop, Garbett, and Gigante families. Make us your people. God of Grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING – *You may place an “I give online” card in the plate as a physical offering*

Chorus 1

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

Bridge

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

Chorus 2

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray:

C: *Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of D major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: [L:] The Lord be with you Lift up your hearts [C:] And al - so with_ you. We lift them to the Lord.

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of D major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: Let us give_ thanks to the Lord our_ God It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

[C:] Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord _____ Lord God of pow'r and might.

Hea-ven and _____ earth are full _____ full of _____ your glo - ry _____

Ho - sa - nah in the high _____ est _____ Ho - sa - nah in the high - est _____

Bles-sed is _____ he who comes _____ in the name _____ of the Lord _____

Ho - sa - nah in the high _____ est _____ Ho - sa - nah in the high - est _____

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG – *Lamb of God*



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ that you have received strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**



***SONG AFTER COMMUNION – Praise to You, O God of Mercy**

ELW 208



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⌘ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray:

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: **Amen**

*BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen**

*SENDING SONG – O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – June 21, 2026

Pianist: Debbie Walker
Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Lois Schroeder (2nd Lay Asst.) Kate Radtke
Lector: Donna Combs
Acolyte: Abby Schroeder
Greeters: Roger Schroeder & Chris Sondor
Usher: Roger Schroeder & Chris Sondor
Altar Guild: Becky Collie & Linda Mahovtas
Counters: Donna Combs & Erna Jung
Live Streamer: Donna Shaw

 Altar Flowers Given by Gordon and Marilyn Gunn 
In honor of their 57th anniversary

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

June 21	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Manna Sunday	
	Father's Day	
June 21-26	Kairos	
June 23	Church Office Closed	
	Old Ivy Garden Club Lunch	11:00 AM
	AA	5:30 PM
June 24	Women's Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
June 25	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
June 28	Worship Service	10:45 AM
June 30	AA	5:30 PM
July 1	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
July 2	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 3	Church Office Closed	

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Announcements

PASTOR RYAN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ryan will be at Kairos this week. As always, to set up an appointment with Pastor Ryan, please call or email at 507-360-7276 and/or messiahmechpr@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed Tuesday June 23.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total giving received last week was \$26,897.00. This number includes giving to current (budgeted items), designated giving, electronic giving, and other miscellaneous gifts and income. To see a more detailed accounting of our income and expenses, please refer to the monthly Financial Secretary and Treasurer reports that are sent out with the Church Council minutes.

POWER IN THE SPIRIT IS COMING!

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational event for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship. It will be held on **July 16-18 at Roanoke College**. This year's theme is The Spirit Enlightens, Equips, and Empowers. We are excited to have **Presiding Bishop Curry, the Rev. Drew Tucker, and the Rev. Susan Briehl** as our speakers this year! Visit <https://vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/> for more information and registration.

INSTALLATION INVITATION

Messiah members are invited to attend the installation of Pastor Lou Florio at Grace & Glory Lutheran Church in Palmyra (683 Thomas Jefferson Parkway), on Sunday, June 28th, 2026 at 3:00 PM. Pastor Paul Toelke, Dean of the Germanna Conference, is presiding.

DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE PICTURES?

I'm looking for help in taking pictures during church and church activities, particularly when I'm not there. Picture taking is important for our archives to let future Messiah know what present and past Messiah has been doing. I have been asking people individually when I know I'm not going to be at church and if those people are still willing, I'd love their continued help. But...if you like to take pictures and you haven't been asked, please let me know! You can email me at dmshaw70@gmail.com. I appreciate all of you who have helped and those of you who may help in the future! Many thanks, Donna Shaw

DO YOU FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM?

For the past several years, Donna Shaw has been managing social media for Messiah on Facebook and Instagram. Did you know the Daily Lectionary, Weekly Schedule, Christian Songs, Bible verses, Inspirational quotes, and even some humor are among the weekly posts that are made? If not, you should check out our Fb page <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/>. Or better yet, even like or share something that touches you.

